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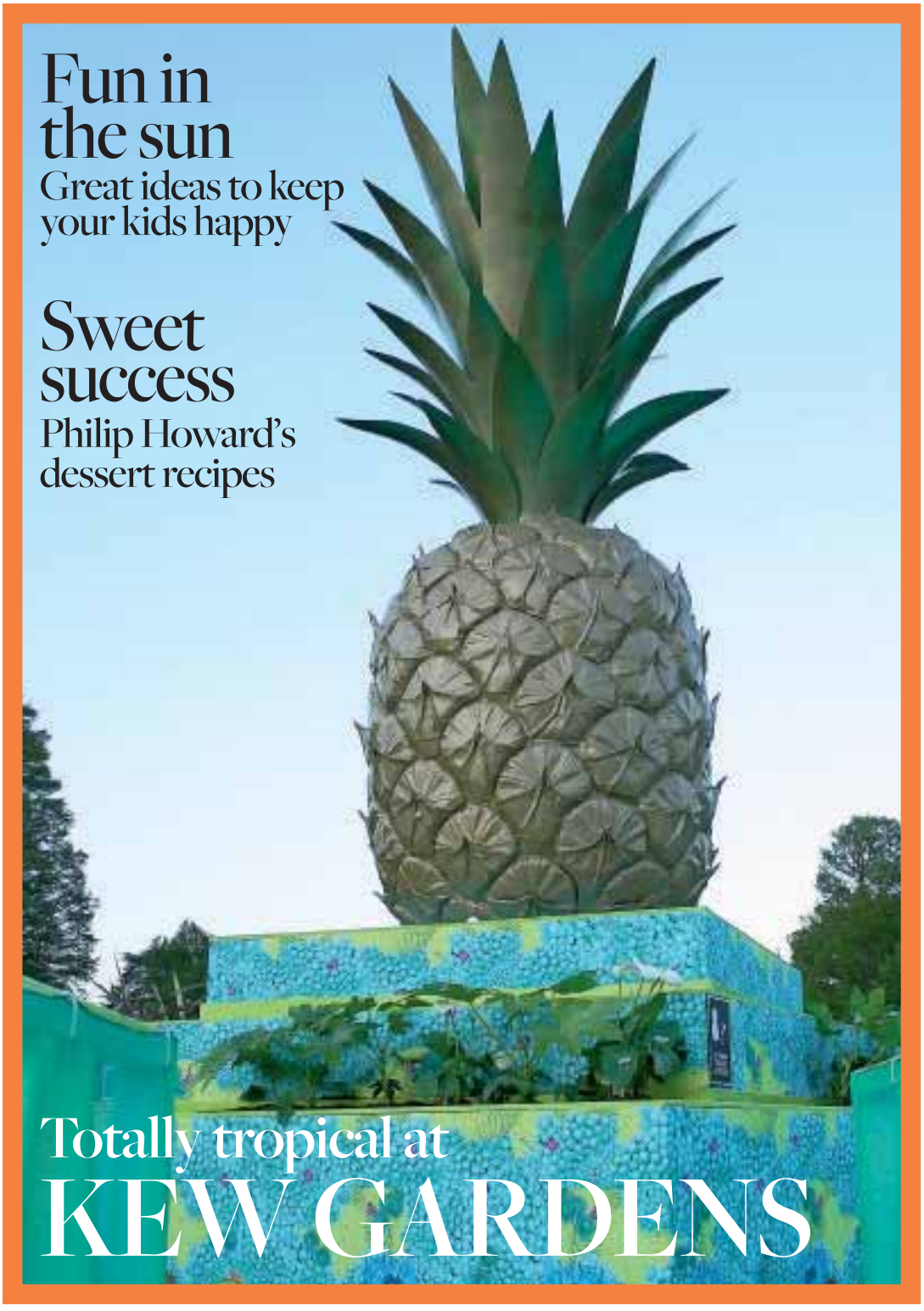

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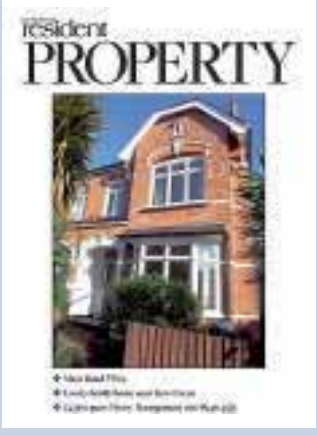

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The centrepiece of Bompas & Parr's installation at Kew Gardens. Read all about it on page 14. Photo by Ann Charlott Ommedal

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Make the most of your garden with our outdoor ideas on page 30

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Elliot Tucker

A life-long west Londoner, Elliot Tucker has a love of all things historic, as well as a keen interest in sports, the arts and what's happening on a local basis.

The great outdoors

Are you ready for the summer holidays? Six or so weeks await, and if you're looking for ideas on how to fill them, we may be able to help… Kate Foster, founder of ForMums.net, has put together a pretty comprehensive round-up of activities, days out and summer camps that should provide some inspiration should you be looking for some… See page 20.

One stand-out local event taking place throughout this month (and the next), is the IncrEdibles season at Kew Gardens. It's a celebration of edible plants – some familiar and some less so – and features a fantastical installation by 'food architects' Bompas & Parr. Find out all about it on page 14.

If, however, you intend to lay low and spend time appreciating the summertime in the comfort of your own home, we've got some lovely ideas for making the most of your garden from interiors expert Linda Parker on page 30. Let's hope the sun cooperates!

Dont forget to look up our shiny new app. It's available from the Apple Store and a great way to keep informed about local going's on from wherever you are.

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These embroidered 'samplers' depict the story of Queen Charlotte's Cottage in the grounds of Kew Gardens

TELLING STORIES

Fine Cell Work – a charity that trains prisoners in paid, skilled, creative needlework – has been commissioned by Historic Royal Palaces to create six beautiful 'samplers' that depict the story of Queen Charlotte's Cottage in the grounds of Kew Gardens.

One of the prisoners who took part in the project commented, 'Having failed history at school it was nice to have someone so enthusiastic from the Royal Palaces come in and talk to us about George the Third and Queen Charlotte. Also having never visited Kew it was interesting to learn about the palace, gardens and the buildings. I feel privileged to have been part of this project and look forward to being able to see all six items on show for myself.'

You can see the pieces on display at Queen Charlotte's Cottage in Kew Gardens until 29 September

finecellwork.co.uk

LOCAL LIFE

This month's essential news from your neighbourhood

The Richmond resident LOVES

Matthew's making waves

Local endurance swimmer, Matthew Dawson, is all set to cross the Channel this month. However the recent cold weather might stop him, no matter how strong a swimmer he is.

Richmond-based Matthew has to acclimatise to the cold water by training in Dover every weekend in an effort to avoid hypothermia mid-crossing. Given the strict rules associated with crossing the Channel solo, he will be disqualified if he even touches the side of his support boat.

Matthew commented: 'I have always wanted to push myself to my physical limits. The only way you really know what you are truly made of is when you have gone beyond what you believe are your limits. I have run the marathon and completed a number of triathlons and after each event I realised that I could push myself further than I thought I could, the Channel will be taking this a step further. I'm raising money for a charity that I believe in, Access Sport.'

Read more on Matthew's blog: swimmingthechannel2013.blogspot.co.uk or support the cause at justgiving.com/MDSwim

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Garden for good

The Holly Lodge Centre is celebrating ten years of its kitchen garden, which started life as a plot of disused land, and is now a flourishing space tended to and used by visitors with special needs.

'Everything in our garden is grown from seed by the pupils. They sow, tend and harvest during each session and have a real sense of pride and ownership in the garden,' says Julia Hamilton, head of garden education.

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Sam Bompas, one half of Bompas & Parr, the masterminds behind the fruity boating lake

Introducing INCREDIBLES

There are delicious goings on at Kew Gardens this summer... Vicky Smith finds out more

Have you visited Kew Gardens recently? If so, you may have noticed (and it's pretty hard not to) a giant pineapple bobbing in the usually serene waters of the Palm House Pond. If you've not visited the stupendous local botanical gardens for a while, make this new fruity attraction your excuse.

The pineapple forms the centrepiece of the 'Tutti Frutti Boating Experience', a temporary installation created by 'architectural foodsmiths' Bompas & Parr as part of Kew's IncrEdibles season, which is dedicated to celebrating and introducing surprising edible plants to visitors.

The striking statue sits on a floating island in the middle of the lake, and visitors can reach it via a walkway that runs across the water, or they can hire a boat and enter the secret Banana Grotto beneath the pineapple.

The union between London's most exciting – and experimental – food fans with the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew may seem unlikely, but it makes perfect sense, says one half of the team, Sam Bompas: 'Kew has always been a place of pilgrimage and inspiration for Harry [the other half of Bompas & Parr] and myself. To collaborate with them makes perfect sense for us – their concern with the world's plant life directly provides us with our raw materials for creativity.

'Our design process always starts with a raw ingredient – be it fruit, alcohol, chocolate or coffee. Trace any ingredient back far enough and you get to plants.'

> Kew has always been a place of pilgrimage and inspiration for us. To collaborate with them makes perfect sense

So, how did the foodie duo go about planning something spectacular to form the centrepiece of Kew's exciting summer project, and why the giant pineapple?

Sam reveals: 'Kew has a fantastically

Explore the Banana Grotto by boat!

This golden pineapple forms the centrepiece of the Tutti Frutti lake

BEST OF THE REST

As well as Bompas & Parr's spectacular creation, there are tons of other tasty events taking place as part of the IncrEdibles season

Dine alfresco at the Rose Garden Tea Party

THE GLOBAL KITCHEN GARDEN

Situated on the Great Lawn opposite Kew Palace, this garden features over 90 edible plants from around the world. Visitors can discover where some of our best-loved plants have travelled from, as well as discover some new ones.

THE PICNIC GARDEN

Next to the Global Kitchen Garden, visitors will find benches on which to relax and enjoy a picnic whilst learning about the plants that make their favourite drinks, such as Pimm's and lemonade. Supported by Kinderhotels.

ROSE GARDEN TEA PARTY

Visitors are invited to Kew's tea party, where a huge variety of different edible plants will grow out of plates, goblets, dishes, jugs and platters.

VEGETABLE MEDLEY

The Palm House Parterre has been transformed into an edible display including aubergine, cabbage, and Brussels sprouts, harking back to a time when it was used for purely practical reasons, to grow crops for the nation during the wars. Visitors who feel inspired will be able to pick up top growing tips from Kew's horticulturalists.

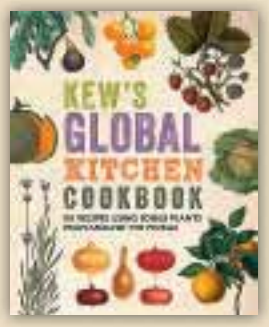
RBG Kew/Ann Charlott Ommedal

extensive and inspiring bromeliad collection. The pineapple, perhaps the most lauded bromeliad, was long seen as the king of fruits – a lush and tropical treat combining the bounty of strawberries with an exotic citrus tang. The fruits were once so rare and wondrous that they would change hands for fortunes. Hostesses would rent them by the hour for dinner parties to impress snobs and rivals.

'As London natives, we are obsessed with pineapples in architecture. Take a wander around the capital, and you will see that the triumphant pineapple is a London-wide architectural motif. You can find them everywhere, from the pineapples of Lambeth Bridge, to the finials of St Paul's Cathedral. The pineapple at the centre of the Tutti Frutti installation is the most triumphant of them all. Bring on the bromeliad!'

The Tutti Frutti Boating Experience is open from 10am daily until 1 September. Find out more at kew.org

To coincide with their celebrations of edible plants, Kew gardens has produced *Kew's Global Kitchen Cookbook*, which features 101 recipes from around the world that use amazing edible plants. Like the sound of parsnip tart, plantation smoothie or pineapple cheesecake with chilli? Available from 18 July for £10 (RRP £14.95) exclusively from Kew Gardens.



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✣ 08444 821 556; rosetheatrekingston.org

Historical experience

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✣ £125. See hrp.org.uk

Festival

Summer fun
BOUNCE FESTIVAL

The Richmond resident *LOVES*

There are activities for all the family at this month's Bounce Festival

The inaugural Bounce Festival comes to Old Deer Park on 10-11 August, and promises to be an action-packed weekend. Created especially for kids age six to 12 and their families, the event has masses of entertainment shows on the main stage, plus five activity zones that include everything from science experiments to street dance.

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This year the award categories have been broadened to embrace a wider range of items across five categories including; Style and Accessories and Interiors and Objects. The winner in each category will receive the recognition they deserve, along with a £1,000 commission from The Balvenie. Whether it is the beloved leather armchair in the corner of your room that was painstakingly upholstered, a suit cut to fit your own back or that chocolate truffle that tastes like heaven, we all appreciate the art of true craftsmanship – particularly in a world that is becoming increasingly mass-produced.

Style and Accessories

When it comes to the gentle ticking of a beautifully engineered watch or the comfort of handmade leather brogues, British craftsmanship is alive and well and living in so many unexpected places. In the Style and Accessories category The Balvenie are looking for the finest jewellers, milliners, cobblers, tailors, horologists – anyone, in fact, who can demonstrate their passion and skill at producing a particular item of fashion or a style accessory.

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Nominate a craftsperson

If you are a craftsperson you can enter your own work or alternatively if you know/work with a talented craftsperson, whose work fits one of the five categories, you can make a nomination on their behalf. The awards are open for entries and nominations until August 30th.

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The awards are open for entries from now until the 30th August 2013. As well as the esteemed title of The Balvenie Masters of Craft winner, there will also be a £1,000 commission for the winner in each category.

✤ Nominate a craftsperson or enter yourself at thebalveniemastersofcraft.com

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Ahoy there! Children will love exploring the Thames on a boat

Fun in THE SUN

Kate Foster, founder of ForMums (formums.net), has been hunting out some of the best local activities and events to keep children busy this summer...

Richmond and the surrounding areas have a dazzling array of activities and events for children from tiny tots to teens and from single days to week-long courses. So whether your child loves art, drama, sport, science, nature (or you just need a few hours of peace) there's something to please everyone. Call or check the websites for details of times and costs.

See formums.net for up-to-date news on all that is happening for children and families in the area...

Messing about on the river

THAMES EXPLORER TRUST

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This is an educational charity, whose aims include helping people to explore the Thames, on the foreshore and on boats. This summer there will be boat trips and nature safaris during July and August. Travel from Richmond Landing Stage to Teddington Lock and back, and along the way staff will keep children informed and entertained with activity sheets to help spot and record wildlife and river features. On the nature safari, children can explore the riverside through activities and games such as a scavenger hunt, art, team building games and minibeast hunting. Activities are aimed at children aged four to 14.

✆ 020 8742 0057; thames-explorer.org.uk

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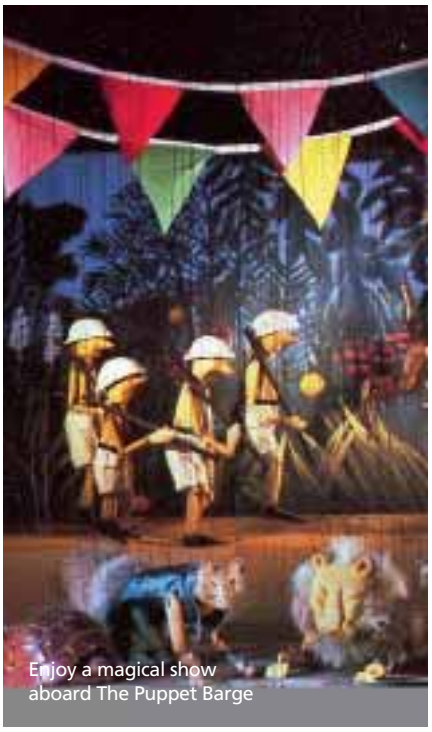

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something a bit more adventurous, there are specific days of activities such as canoeing and mountain biking. Courses last two or three days and run from 9.30am-4.30pm.

✣ 01372 378901; surreycc.gov.uk

PUPPETS ON THE SEA

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✣ 020 8549 3066; albanypark.co.uk

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✣ 020 8947 6066; ridinglondon.com

SPORTS LINX FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Lampton School, Lampton Avenue TW3 4EP

This independent football school offers structured and professional football training to children of all abilities aged four to 12 years. Sports Linx believe that time off school means one thing – more time to practice and play football! Children's skills improve considerably at football camps as they have more time to make friends and more time to familiarise themselves with the staff and coaches. This summer's football camp runs for one week from 29 July to 2 August and can be booked for one half day or for the whole week or any combination required (they are also exceptionally good value).

✣ 020 8973 4311; slfootballacademy.co.uk

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94-102 High Street TW12 1NY

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✣ 020 8977 0099; thelittlegym.co.uk

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✣ 020 8255 1116; hamptonpool.co.uk

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✤020 8580 3962
dramacube.co.uk

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✤07846 798856; dreamcatchermedia.co.uk

RICHMOND THEATRE

The Green TW9 1QJ

The theatre will be running a Musical Theatre Summer School, themed around the Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Virtues, for children aged eight to 11, and 12 to 16 years old. The course runs daily from 12-16 August, with experienced professionals working to develop the participants' skills and self-confidence. This week long, fast-paced course will culminate with a performance on the Richmond stage for friends and families

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✤020 8878 1336; artyard.co.uk

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Christ's School, TW10 6HW

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✤ 0800 655 6560; campbeaumont.co.uk

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✤ 0845 094 2322; koosakids.co.uk

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FIT FOR SPORT

Sheen Mount Primary School, SW14 7RT

Fit For Sport pride themselves on their reputation for engaging and educating children through activity, to lead a healthy lifestyle. Camps will be running from 22 July until 30 August, for children aged three to 12. Children are split into age categories, to ensure age appropriate activities. There is an extended day option from 8.30am to 5.30pm.

✤ 0845 456 3233; itforsport.co.uk

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✤ 0845 834 0986; mnature.co.uk

FUNTECH CAMPS

King's House School, 68, Kings Road TW10 6EG

Funtech Camps can help turn a child's passive computer playing into proactive learning. A range of camps are available for children aged seven and up, covering diverse topics such as touch typing, animation, Java coding, Minecraft secrets, 3D game design and more. Camps are generally for one week, from 9am until 5pm daily. Parents are invited in for a session at the end of the week, to see a presentation of the children's work.

✤ 01628 621215
funtech.co.uk

CREEPY HOUSE

King's House School, 68, Kings Road TW10 6EG

Children are encouraged to keep up with their reading during the summer by taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge and this year's theme is Creepy House. Children can sign up to Creepy House for free by visiting their local library during the school holidays in July. There are stickers and prizes to collect for every book they finish reading. If they read six books they will be rewarded with a Creepy House Medal and Certificate!

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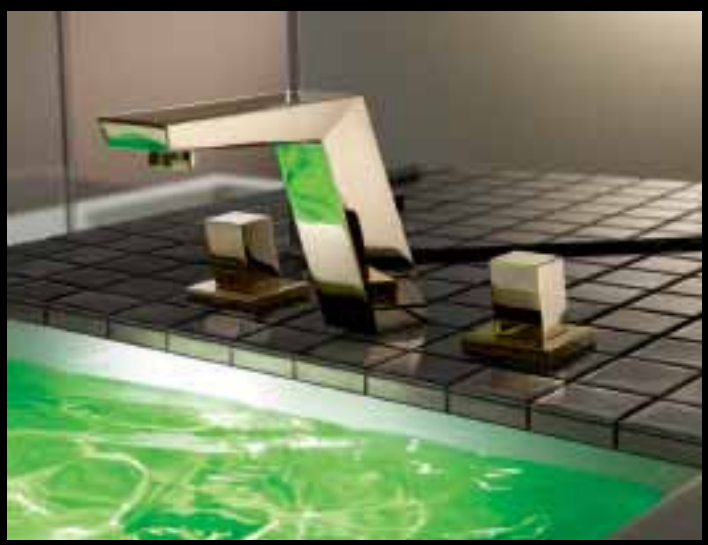

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Dance hall of fame

Elliot Tucker explores the history of Richmond's legendary Crawdaddy Club, which has welcomed the likes of The Rolling Stones and The Yardbirds

The Rolling Stones were just one of a handful of hugely succesful British bands and artists who started their careers at The Crawdaddy Club

Photos by Rex Features

In late 1962 The Crawdaddy Club opened its doors in the basement of the Station Hotel, Richmond. What followed, and the acts that played there, is nothing short of musical legend.

The first house band at the club was The Dave Hunt R&B band featuring a young Ray Davies, who would later to go on to form seminal British act The Kinks.

They were replaced by an up-and-coming band called The Rolling Stones, who played their first Crawdaddy gig in February 1963. Only a few months after starting at The Crawdaddy, The Stones were invited to go on a nationwide tour.

Looking for a new house band, The Crawdaddy turned to Kingston-based act The Yardbirds. The new group had big boots to fill but proved more than capable when they arrived with Eric Clapton on lead guitar. Clapton later left to form Cream, and in his place came Jeff Beck, who was then joined by Jimmy Page.

By 1966 The Crawdaddy's house band had featured three of the greatest British guitarists ever and was set for another bout of music royalty when Beck was fired and formed The Jeff Beck Group with Rod Stewart and Ronnie Wood. The band played early gigs at The Crawdaddy before Wood and Stewart left to join members of the disbanded Small Faces in July 1969 and form The Faces.

When The Faces split up Wood went on to join The Rolling Stones, drummer Kenney Jones replaced Keith Moon in The Who and Rod Stewart became one of the most successful recording artists of all time.

Stewart had actually started his career at The Crawdaddy as a member of The Steampacket, after being 'discovered' whilst busking at Twickenham train station. Baldry also later played the club with Bluesology, featuring one Reggie Dwight who, when going solo, took the name of Elton John.

By late 1968 Jimmy Page had continued with Crawdaddy originals, The Yardbirds, but had recruited John Bonham, Robert Plant and John Paul Jones. Wanting to distinguish themselves from the old band, they adopted the name Led Zeppelin and played the club as a tribute to their roots.

What started as a small band night in Richmond went on to become London's version of the Cavern Club, influencing British music output immeasurably.

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Outdoors INSPIRATION

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Primrose metal chair, £59, from Oliver Bonas
Branches in Richmond, Sheen and Kingston
oliverbonas.com

The Navajo lounging armchair is almost too lovely to leave outdoors. It's made from FSC timber too. Chair, £299, from John Lewis in Kingston
johnlewis.com

After a less-than-successful early part of the summer, it's probably a good idea to give up on what's left of the greenery and flowers and concentrate on sprucing up the terrace and back garden – in the hope that we might be in for an Indian summer. So, with thoughts of bank holiday barbecues and evening glasses of wine in the garden through to September, we're hoping that there's a chance for a spot of painting and being creative.

> Consider giving decking a coat of colour; it will cheer up a tired garden and improve the outlook through winter too

The fashion for huge open-plan rooms at the back of the house means that we're confronted a wide open view of the back garden all year round. For many of us, that means taking a rather different attitude to avoid getting either depressed and/or irritated by the sight of an unkempt and unloved garden. A paved or terraced area is rather easier to look after, and can be treated pretty much like an 'outdoor room'. The one vital thing to remember is to introduce outdoor lighting at the same time as the floor-to-ceiling glass doors are installed, otherwise the garden will look like a wall of blackness through the glass doors when the interior lights are on in the evening. It's worth getting professional advice and planning (try John Cullen Lighting, johncullenlighting.co.uk) or an easy alternative is to choose solar lights on spikes that can be 'planted' anywhere throughout the garden. Sally Storey, Design Director at John Cullen Lighting says, 'The key to successful garden lighting is flexibility. Spiked fittings, which can be easily moved to suit the changing seasons and planting growth, are ideal. A new mini 1w LED spiked spotlight (the Kew) and a mini directional 1w spiked floodlight (the Hampton) allow you to light your garden with as little as 60w of light in total – so you really don't need to feel guilty about energy consumption. For larger gardens the 8w Kensington and Richmond are an ideal solution'.

Add tree lights for year-round sparkle and interest. These are the tubular pendant Starlighters, £50, by John Cullen Lighting
561-563 Fulham Road, SW6 2EB; 020 7371 9000
johncullenlighting.co.uk

The Forno outdoor oven table by Morso is £1,428, and can be used as a grill/bbq and also as a pizza oven.
Available from Kindle Stoves in Teddington, 020 8973 3995
kindlestoves.co.uk
morso.co.uk

Keep it cosy on chilly evenings with the Weber Outdoor Fireplace, £150, from Heal's in Kingston
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Spruce up old and past-its-best garden furniture with a coat of Dark Green, Dazzling Yellow or Gold Direct to Rust paint, £9.99 for 250ml, by Hammerite.
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If you've already got a fairly organised garden, think about adding some late-summer colour by painting decking, furniture and even structures like the shed, arbour, pergola and any arches or trellising. At least then there's a bit of colour to look at throughout the year, regardless of whether the garden is in bloom or not. We love the new colours in the Garden Shades range from Cuprinol (cuprinol.co.uk) , there are some delicious-sounding shades to choose from, including Rhubarb Compote, Summer Damson and Mediterranean Glaze. The Garden Shades formulation is suited to all types of smooth planed and rough sawn timber, so can be used on sheds, fences and garden structures – it adds colour, but the texture of the wood is still apparent, and it can certainly add a sense of drama to a garden colour scheme. Consider giving pergolas and decking tiles a coat of colour; it will cheer up a tired garden and improve the whole outlook through the winter as well.

Tackle past-its-best metal garden furniture too; try the Hammerite (hammerite.co.uk) range of paints, which includes Direct To Rust and Direct To Galvanized formulations, so there really can be no excuse for not giving scruffy old metal items a new lease of life. If you're looking for a more traditional look, perhaps for a curlicued wrought iron or aluminium table, try the Dark Green, Dazzling Yellow and Gold colours, as well as Black.

Of course, outdoor living in the summer is all about eating alfresco, even though most of the time it's a triumph of hope over experience, we're still all too eager to get the barbecue out at the merest hint of a festival or bank holiday. Pessimists should go with the little portable versions, such as those by Bodum (bodum.com), and they should also invest in a gazebo-like shelter as well – look in the big DIY stores over bank holiday weekend and snap up the end of season sale bargains! For a more elaborate outdoor cooking experience, consider going the whole hog and investing in an outdoor wood oven, which will throw out a respectable amount of heat, and so as long as it's not raining, you can probably extend your outdoor dining experience without the need for gas heaters and firepits. Smaller spaces can benefit from a compact outdoor fireplace though – try the Weber model from Heal's (heals.co.uk). Needless to say, they're not the sort of item to have around small children, and definitely best used for child-free evening gatherings. ●

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FOOD ON THE MOVE

For those who want a feast-on-the-go, this Fyrkat portable gas-fired picnic BBQ by Bodum, £105, is the answer. Cast aside thoughts of those flimsy foil trays that might cook half a sausage (if you're lucky), because this nifty creation will grill your burgers to perfection, wherever you are!

bodum.co.uk

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✣ 48 High Street, Hampton Hill TW12 1PD
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FOOD AND DRINK

Over two thirds of readers have chosen to eat out in the last month

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Food NEWS

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KINGSTON CALLING

Kingston Food Festival returns from 3-11 August with a host of free events across the town centre, including the Big Kingston Market, Children's Food Festival and Live Food Show as well as the Chilli Challenge and the Extreme Food Challenge for those up for testing their tastebuds. The Friday Road Show (9 August) will bring cocktails and music to the Market Place whilst the Kingston Food Trail will encourage punters to eat their way around the town centre for free that afternoon. For more information and the full programme visit their website.

✤ kingstonfoodfestival.com

STATELY DINING

Ham House's Orangery Café has re-opened this summer after a full refurbishment. Nestled in the estate's gorgeous gardens, its new 'kitchen table' design was planned by the National Trust's curators and reflects the history and heritage of the house. The Café uses fruit and veggies harvested by the estate gardeners from the walled garden. Designed to be family-friendly, it's a great new place to eat and relax and with new products like kids lunch boxes, as well as favourites such as classic cream teas.

✤ Ham Street TW10 7RS; 020 8940 1950

A West London mum has launched a **new spice company**, Subtle Spices, supplying fine, rare and sustainable spices. Founder, Sylvie Thiebaut, is the first importer of Penja White Pepper from Cameroon, which is already making culinary waves in France where it's used by many Michelin-starred chefs.

✤ subtle-spices.com

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Perfect to share or indulge in alone, Spanish food has taken over London – but can many boast real tapas temptation?

Most days, you'll be lucky to get a chair. Well, without a decent wait, that is. But the usual 15 minute hiatus is made all the more bearable by an ice-cold glass of Manzanilla sherry. And the thought of the feast ahead. There are burnished tortillas, small but perfectly formed, oozing just runny egg at the mere mention of knife. Tissue paper thin slices of lomo, and nuttily beautiful shards of jamón ibérico, sit alongside great chunks of chorizo. And prawns, so fresh they still sing of the sea, scattered in salt and cooked on La Plancha.

A whole grilled quail, with a stickily crisp skin, is devoured in moments. As are fat croquetas, stuffed with silken, ham flecked béchamel. And a salad of crisp gem lettuce, draped with beautifully saline anchovies and nuggets of good Serrano too. Here at Barrafina (barrafina.co.uk) in Soho, there's no pomp or pretension. Just Spanish food at its very best.

And Barrafina's not alone. Because in London, it's possible to seek out Iberian food that would impress even the most exacting of Spanish, Basques, or Catalan. It wasn't always thus. A couple of decades back, Spanish food was a byword for barely edible gloom; limp, lifeless chorizo flailing in a mess of teeth strippingly tart red wine; tortilla more suited to throwing than eating; squid clad in grease sodden batter; and sangria. Always damned sangria. Traditional Spanish food is rarely complex, or concerned with visual seduction. But it does demand superior ingredients.

Salt Yard never ceases to thrill, from a plate of three different Manchego cheeses (beautifully sourced) to tapas that make the taste buds swoon. Don't miss their salt cod croquetas. And chicken, morcilla and black bean stew.

Brindisa (brindisa.co.uk), the brilliant supplier of brilliant Spanish produce, has a wonderful restaurant in Borough Market (along with branches in South Kensington and Soho) while their former chef, José Pizarro (josepizarro.com), has a small tapas bar (José) and a bigger restaurant (Pizarro) just down the road. Again, ingredients are flawless and cooking sublime.

Not only does Iberica London look great, it's a ham master

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For traditional Spanish produce, plump for Brindisa

I've never eaten a bad bite at Moro (moro.co.uk) in Exmouth Market, one of the real Spanish pioneers. Sam and Sam Clark concentrate on the Moorish influence, which means you'll find dishes that meld Arabic and Iberian. So the labneh comes with exquisite grilled lamb chops, while yoghurt flecked with black cumin sits alongside charcoal roasted pigeon breast. And don't miss Morito next door. Serious tapas, at decent prices too.

South Kensington is a good hunting ground too. Cambio de Tercio (cambiodetercio.co.uk) was the place I first tasted proper Spanish food. Sumptuous ox tail, a magnificent pulpo alla Gallega (octopus, potatoes and paprika) and some of the best Iberico ham to ever pass your lips.

Fino (finorestaurant.com) is the elder sibling of Barrafina, and was quite groundbreaking when it first opened ten years back. I recently went to its 10th birthday party, and the food was as impressive as ever. It's modern Spanish, but never forgets its roots. Morcilla with quails eggs, arroz negras, and some very serious meat.

Iberica (ibericalondon.co.uk), on Great Portland Street, is a ham master, and their tapas are simple, but never less than superb. While El Pirata de Tapas (elpiratadetapas.co.uk), on Westbourne Grove, is a local favourite, watched over by the immensely skilled Omar Allibhoy. He is also the man behind Tapas Revolution (tapasrevolution.com) in Westfield, a restaurant that proves that proper tapas can be done at very reasonable prices.

Nowadays, respectable Spanish food is no longer an annual treat. Sure, there are still the cut-price grot-holes, but at long last this great cuisine has the restaurants to do it proud.

✤ **NEXT MONTH** Kebabs just for post-pub lurchers who have had one too many? Not so, as I explore the fine art of this mistaken Middle Eastern gem

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BAR of the month

NO.11 PIMLICO ROAD

As my mother always told me, 'you can always tell a good bar by the size of the celery in the Bloody Mary.' And so, when my cardinal cocktail arrived complete with a healthy pillar of green veg, I knew I was in good company.

No.11 Pimlico Road, formerly known as the Ebury, is a new kid on the SW1 block, and while there is certainly no shortage of bars in the district, there are countless reasons to give this one a shot. Here you'll find open, bright décor and handsome staff in canvas aprons.

A welcome change from the usual black-counter, dimly-lit bar in the area, No.11 has the feel of a Parisian deli. It's rare to find a bar where you can sit alone with a cocktail, unfazed with a newspaper as you wait for your guest to arrive. And the beer snacks aren't too shabby either, a wholesome mix of steaks, sweet potato salads and crostinis. Foodie paradise this is not, but if you're after a relaxing bite with an even more relaxing bottle of Malbec, then this must be the place.

✤ 11 Pimlico Road, SW1W 8NA; no11pimlicoroad.co.uk

The bright decor is a welcome change from the usual black-counter, dimly-lit bar

Restaurant Michael Nadra

The first place I ever reviewed for this magazine was Restaurant Michael Nadra. Still fairly new to all the hidden hotspots of West London, I remember thinking to myself 'well if this is what dining out in this part of town is all about, I've got the right area here.' Two and a half years later I find myself back in the understated surrounds of one of Chiswick's most cherished eateries.

In the time since I last visited, W4 (along with the rest of the country) has seen more closures than openings. Even some long-standing locations have been forced to close as a result of the economic situation. Not so Michael. Not only has his eponymous restaurant stood firm, but he recently opened a second site as well.

There's no great mystery as to why the joint is still thriving – the food is fantastic. It was when I first visited, and it still is now. The six-course tasting menu is amazing value at £49 per head (or £39 at lunch), and we'd recommend it wholeheartedly. On the night we visited, the first course was Scottish salmon ceviche, piquant with lime juice and softened with sweet potato puree. Next, a decadent combo of sautéed fois gras with fried quail, with a pomegranate and orange salad to cut through all the luscious richness. On to seared tuna with the most ridiculous buttery and silky saffron risotto, sautéed squid, and slithers of umami-rich seaweed and a soy dressing. If I only eat one dish for the rest of time, this will be an option. I would have been happy with that, but the Scotch fillet steak with truffle cream potatoes wasn't turned away. A trio of sorbets, and assiette of desserts (including a heavenly salted caramel ice cream), rounded things off with a well and truly deserved 'yum.'

If you've yet to visit, make now the time you visit Michael for the first time, and if you've been and remember it fondly, keep up the support for one of our favourite local restaurants.

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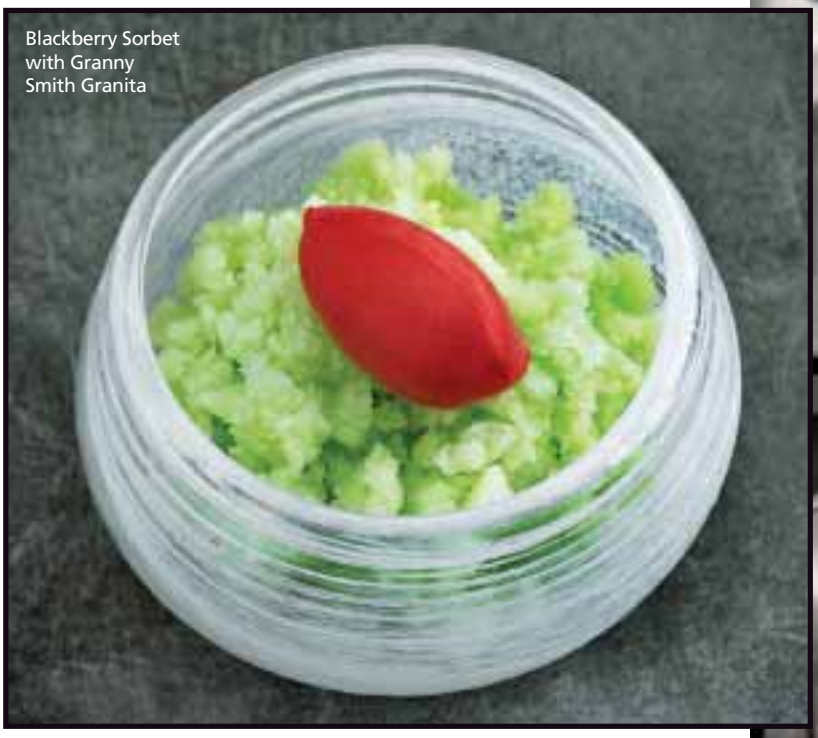


Blackberry Sorbet with Granny Smith Granita

Philip in the kitchen at his Mayfair restaurant The Square

SWEET TOOTH

Philip Howard – head chef at The Square – shares his dessert dos and don'ts in new book The Square: The Cookbook Volume 2: Sweet

TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR NEW BOOK

One of the things I love about the new book is that it's a pure continuation of the first volume ('Savoury'), with the same philosophy that carefully chosen and beautifully prepared ingredients can deliver an enormous amount of pleasure. The desserts in the book are very much puddings at heart in that they really nourish the soul. There can be a danger that restaurants refine desserts to the point where they're a bit of a let-down but The Square's repertoire is sophisticated enough to serve at the very highest level whilst being satisfying enough to keep those who love a good pud thoroughly happy.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE DESSERT?

If I had to choose (and it's tricky) I'd probably say Crème Caramel. The recipe in the book for Crème Caramel with Golden Raisins and Sauternes is utterly delicious. It's silky smooth, elegant and refined, as well as being humble and a little bit naughty. Perfect.

AND YOUR FAIL-SAFE DESSERT RECIPE?

The Chocolate Fondant in the book is remarkably straightforward and achievable. It's a simple yet sophisticated dessert – a class act. And wicked.

WHAT ARE THE SECRETS TO A GOOD SWEET?

I'm a firm believer that a good dessert should be indulgent and should deliver soul-nourishing pleasure, but that at this level [The Square has held two Michelin Stars since 1998] it should also be refined and polished. Working with pastry can be quite technical so precision is important. The recipes in the book – as in the first volume – explain each step in detail so that you can see exactly how to achieve perfect results.

ANY DESSERTS YOU HATE?

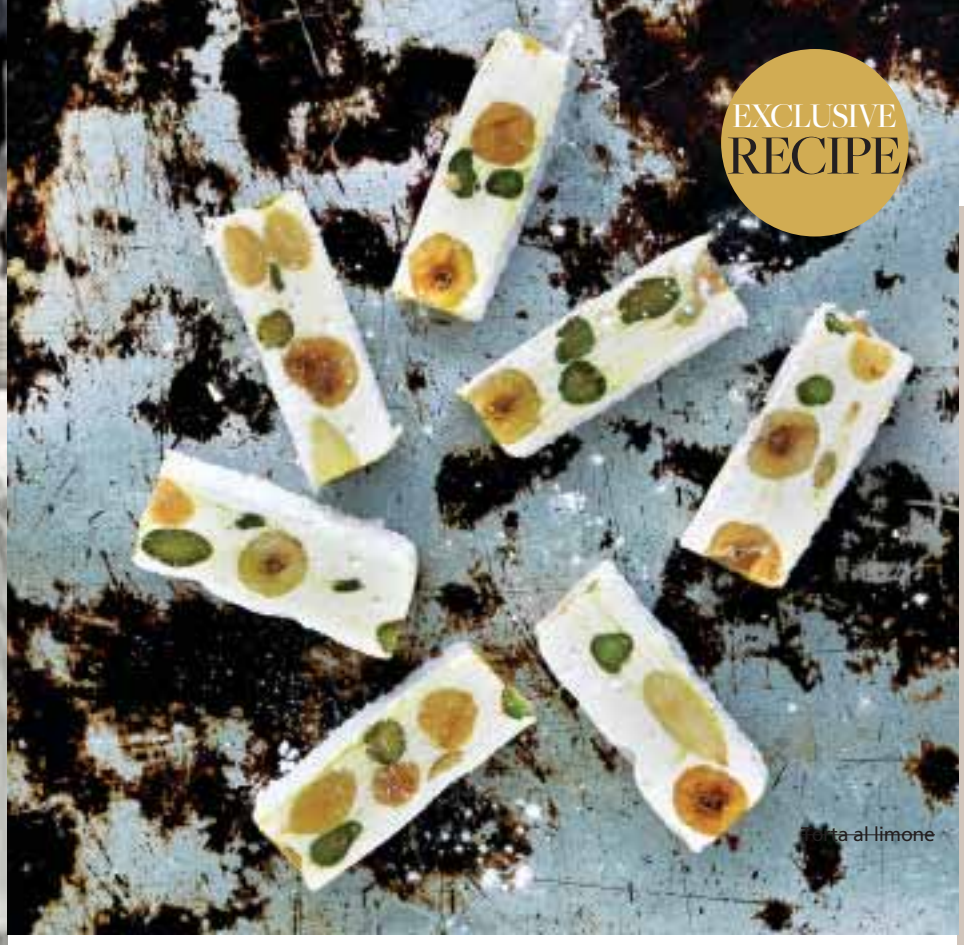
On the whole I'm not very keen on Asian versions of French classics – something like a Jasmine Crème Brûlée wouldn't appeal to me, for example. I also don't like desserts to be deconstructed to the extent that you have a plate composed of lots of tiny pieces of things. I think there should be a primary component that delivers real satisfaction.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE INGREDIENTS FOR DESSERTS?

Vanilla is the greatest all-rounder, with a heady aroma and superb flavour. It's simply stunning. Cream is absolutely indispensable too and it's wonderfully indulgent. The UK has some of the world's best dairy products and our cream is exceptional. Pastry is another of my favourite sweet ingredients, adding welcome crunch and texture to a host of desserts.

WHAT SWEET INGREDIENTS ARE IN SEASON FOR AUGUST?

Stoned fruits such as nectarines and peaches are wonderful at this time of year and they're really versatile. Figs are fantastic too. The book includes recipes for everything from a Peach and Raspberry Trifle which is the very essence of summer, to a Nectarine Fool and a fragrant dessert of Port-roasted Figs with Lemon Beignets.



Torta al limone

Photo: Jean Cazals

WHAT'S YOUR ESSENTIAL 'KITCHEN KIT'?

A good electric mixer saves time and effort, and it has the added advantage of preventing things like pastry becoming too warm through being handled too much. For the same reason, I'd say that a marble slab or work surface (which will be cool to the touch) is very useful, as is a heavy rolling pin.

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DID YOU ALWAYS WANT TO BE A CHEF?

I didn't have a clue how to cook until I went to university so until that stage, being a chef hadn't crossed my mind. Once I started cooking though, I knew that it was going to be the career for me. My love of cooking swiftly outstripped my abilities as a microbiologist!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN BARNES?

I've lived in Barnes for 15 years and I love it. It's one of the last true villages in the stronghold that is London and it has its own identity, with some fantastic independent shops. It's very peaceful and it even has a pub overlooking a pond [The Sun Inn]!

WHERE ARE YOUR FAVOURITE LOCAL 'FOOD HEROES'

We're very lucky to have some wonderful shops in Barnes including Two Peas in A Pod for superb fruit and vegetables, The Parish Bakery for delicious freshly baked bread, J Seal Butchers and the Barnes Fish Shop. There's an excellent farmers market on Saturdays too. I co-own Sonny's Kitchen on Church Road so that's a favourite place for a leisurely weekend lunch or relaxed dinner, and I also enjoy visiting Riva and The Sun Inn.

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME OUT OF THE KITCHEN?

Thinking about what I'm going to cook when I'm back in the kitchen! I obviously love spending time with my family, and I really enjoy going for a run along the river. I'm a fanatical skier too.

✤ The Square: The Cookbook, Volume 2: Sweet, published Absolute Press, is available to buy from 18 July, priced £30

Nougat

INGREDIENTS

125g shelled unsalted pistachios
125g shelled unblanched almonds
125g shelled unblanched hazelnuts
420g caster sugar
100g liquid glucose
50g organic egg whites
110g runny honey
100g icing sugar

METHOD

1 Spread out the nuts on 3 small baking trays and roast in an oven preheated to 160°C/Gas Mark 3 for 15 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and allow to cool overnight in a dry, moisture-free environment.

2 The following day, put 400g of the sugar in a medium heavy-based pan with the glucose and 125ml water and set it over a high heat, stirring occasionally to dissolve the sugar. Once the syrup is boiling, turn the heat down and insert a sugar thermometer. While the syrup is coming to the boil, put the egg whites in a freestanding electric mixer and warm the honey. Also warm a baking tray (about 30cm square), line it with baking parchment and generously dust with icing sugar – this is for tipping the nougat on to.

3 When the temperature of the sugar syrup reaches 130°C, turn on the electric mixer and whisk the egg whites on high speed until they start to aerate. Whisking constantly, add the remaining sugar and let the whites rise further, then gradually add the honey. By the time the meringue is ready, the sugar syrup will be approaching the required 145°C. At this point, remove it from the heat and gradually add it to the meringue, whisking all the while. Continue to whisk at full speed for 12 minutes. Then turn the mixer down to a slow speed, add the nuts and mix until they are evenly distributed through the meringue.

4 Turn the nougat out on to the prepared tray. Dust the surface of the nougat with icing sugar and gently press it down into a flat, even slab. Dust with further icing sugar and, with both hands and a rolling pin, press and roll the nougat into a firmly compressed, neat-sided slab 1.5cm thick. Leave to cool in a moisture-free environment for 6 hours. Use a serrated knife to cut into pieces as required.

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SALON OF THE MONTH

When you call yourself fantastic, you have to be pretty confident that that's what you are, so I was intrigued to visit the Fantastic Hairdresser in Chiswick. You may have noticed the large site on the High Road; it's much bigger than your average salon, and half the premises is used as a business school. It's from this that the 'fantastic' part of the experience comes.

The company is based on the premise that 'good isn't enough any more. You have to be fantastic', and as a result, it's a little different to your usual salon experience. Firstly, it's a really lovely space – airy, buzzy and comfortable. The 'experience' for first-time clients begins with a tour, so you know exactly what the business is all about, before a heavenly hair wash and massage.

Next, the cut itself, and my charming stylist Chantel was more than patient with someone who hasn't had her hair cut in over a year (the shame). A deft trim and blow-dry later, and I was reminded why it's recommended that you go every few months. Aside from the cut and the lovely hair wash, you get a kit kat with your tea (massive bonus points), complimentary blow-dry within two weeks of your first appointment AND there's free parking that you can book. It all seems pretty fantastic to us…

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It might sound far fetched, but as though a magic wand has been waved across the landscape, making the sea twinkle that little bit brighter, within hours fiaca sets in, giving a sense of tranquility that can rarely be found elsewhere.

With stunning natural scenery, it's easy to see why Croatia is fast becoming the go-to destination, and in particular, why Dubrovnik is growing in popularity.

With marble lined streets and architecture dating back to the 17th Century, there's plenty for culture vultures, while sun worshippers can bask in mid-twenties temperatures between April and October.

Dubrovnik is a pleasingly compact city which means it's easy to walk around and if you do get tired you can just step on the cable car to look at the city and the stunning Adriatic. If time is tight you should take a tour of the old town, walking the ancient city walls, taking in the museums and art galleries before heading to the harbour to enjoy a leisurely seafood lunch.

Croatian food has a very Mediterranean feel to it and you'll enjoy fresh fish, olives and bread and oil, teamed with delicious wines and cold meats, while the local ice-cream will be reminisced over for days to come.

Enjoy a leisurely seafood lunch in the harbour

This summer sees the former Yugoslavian state join the EU and the euro come in as local currency. Since the war ended in 1995, it's clear that wounds are still healing, but from a glance at the scenery, it's as though time has stood still – even the old city walls were undefeated by bombs despite being 300 years old.

And it's not just us mere mortals who are rediscovering this gem of Adriatic coastline; the famous Villa Algarve recently played host to Francis Ford Coppola and Gemma Arterton while Kevin Spacey celebrated his 50th birthday here.

Check into James Bond's favourite retreat, Hotel Excelsior, which this year celebrates its centenary. Favoured by Roger Moore, who visits the hotel every summer, and with guests such as Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton gracing its halls, the hotel offers five star luxury, with stunning views of the Adriatic as well as three fine dining restaurants to choose from. The hotel will be celebrating its birthday with an open air concert this September with some very special A-list guests… One not to be missed!

Janelle Butterfield

TRIP NOTES

HOTEL EXCELSIOR

- Double rooms from £750 per night during peak times adriaticluxuryhotels.com

JETTING OFF

- EasyJet flies to Dubrovnik from London Gatwick, London Stansted and Edinburgh. Flight prices start from £33.99 per person (one-way, including taxes based on two people on the same booking). Visit easyjet.com to book or call 0843 104 5000

TAKE ME THERE

Marvão is one of the Northern Alentejo's most magnificent hilltop towns

Undiscovered PORTUGAL

Holidaying to Portugal may conjure up visions of busy beaches and golf tours, but venture inland beyond the mountains of Monchique and you'll find the lesser-known landscape of the Alentejo: rolling plains smattered with chestnut trees, fields of wheat, cork plantations and whitewashed villages. This sparsely populated region is famed for its arts and crafts, and is a complete departure from the tourist trail. You are best off navigating it by car, or better still with the help of a local guide. Arriving in Northern Alentejo – a land of fortified towns, big skies and laid back locals – we found the fields carpeted with wild flowers. Our guide, Olga, told us that spring is the prettiest time of year to visit, before the land becomes more arid.

From hilltop towns to low-lying villages crowned by monasteries, you are spoilt for choice when it comes to places to stay, and the medieval-walled fortress town of Marvão is no exception. It perches 850 metres above sea level in mountainous surroundings, offering a 360 degree panorama. We stayed at Pousada de Marvão and dined in the restaurant, overlooking the craggy mountainside and distant green plains.

Sporty types will enjoy hiking through the Park Sao Mamede, a preserved area of natural beauty, or horse riding at the sun-soaked estate Alter do Chão Stud, dotted with apricot coloured farm buildings.

For an insight into the area's unique tapestry-making, we headed to Museu da Tapeçaria in Portalegre to see how elaborate paintings can be reproduced in tapestry form. Nearby, a group of local women weaved stunning carpets using age-old methods at the Manufactura de Tapeçarias.

Foodies won't be disappointed by portion sizes in the Alentejo. The locals love their food and wash it down with generous amounts of the region's wine. Sweet chestnuts are served with venison, while typical starters include Portalagre smoked sausage and Queijo de Nisa, a tangy sheep's cheese. You'll find references to peasant food too, like bread pudding and simple soups. Best of all are the egg-filled desserts, baked according to old convent recipes.

Gargantuan lunches can be walked off at Castelo de Vide, a 14th century hilltop castle town with close-knit cobbled alleys and a Jewish quarter dating back to the Middle Ages.

We retired to Hotel O Poejo, a pretty boutique hotel, where we were welcomed like old friends and given a taster painting lesson by local Dutch artist, Leone Holzhaus. A delicious three course dinner followed, the highlight being a succulent rabbit stew.

Next stop: Nisa, famed for exquisite embroidery and unique pottery, which is best showcased at Museu do Bordado e do Barro. Stop for lunch at the superb Taverna da Vila and treat yourself to delicious battered fish.

Meander through sun-soaked cobbled streets

Those seeking a touch of grandeur should end their stay at Pousada Flor da Rosa in Crato, a monastery-fortress that has been luxuriously renovated into plush accomodation.

Whether you're after sunshine, crafts or outdoor activities, this largely undiscovered region can meet your needs. Take a detour from the Portugal you think you know and discover an idyllic portion of this fantastic country.

Mary-Jane Wiltsher

TRIP NOTES

- Sunvil Discovery offers tailormade itineraries across the Alentejo, call 020 8758 4722 or visit sunvil.co.uk
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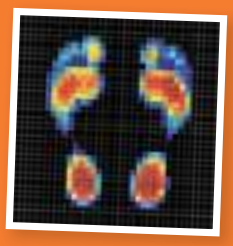

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✤ See the full timetable at springhealth.net/richmond

MINI resident

Twinkle toes

We are more than a little bit in love with these super-smart 'Bugsy the Brogue' boots by The Little Shoemaker. Handmade in soft shiny leather, they will keep little feet comfy, as well as making a rather fabulous fashion statement. If only they came in adult sizes too… £65

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Innovative idea

An innovative graphic design student from Kingston University has taken the classic circle and bar shape of London Underground's logo and transformed it into a seesaw. Clare Newsam was one of a group of Kingston students who were set a brief to come up with responses to London's iconic motif as part of their final-year coursework.

✤ kingston.ac.uk

Best of British

With the arrival of the new Royal baby comes an influx of ideas for mini kings and queens, none of which are sweeter (or more apt) than this Burberry trench. Combining first-rate design and a dose of classic British fashion heritage, it's surely the ONLY thing for princes and princesses to be seen in? From £246.

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Made for entertaining

Having just bought a beautiful contemporary townhouse in Barnes, Claudia's next priority was to create a stylish but practical kitchen.

As someone who loves cooking and entertaining, interior designer Claudia Grotkamp knew she would be spending most of her spare time in her kitchen.

"It was really important for me to have a kitchen that not only looked beautiful but worked brilliantly too" comments Claudia. With her great eye for design, the Kitchen Architecture bulthaup showroom on Putney's Lower Richmond Road was the clear frontrunner. "We use the kitchen all the time, it needed to be the centre of our home, and they provided the contemporary, timeless look I wanted" she continues.

The island, positioned to enjoy views of the garden, links the kitchen and the dining area. It gives the sociable aspect so important to Claudia, and provides plenty of preparation space, making it very practical for keen cooks.

The tall unit and breakfast bar in walnut adds a natural warmth to the design and provides a soft contrast to the alpine white chosen for the rest of the furniture.

Visit the Kitchen Architecture showroom on the Lower Richmond Road for your complete guide to the heart of the home. Or take inspiration from the case study section of their website.
www.kitchenarchitecture.co.uk

Where to buy
Kitchen design and furniture: Amy Chan, Kitchen Architecture, Putney 020 8785 1960. Also showrooms in Oxford 01865 426 990 and Cheshire 01625 544 890.
www.kitchenarchitecture.co.uk

Interior design: Claudia Grotkamp, www.interiorstudioslondon.com

Guide price: bulthaup kitchens from Kitchen Architecture start from £40,000.

The raised walnut breakfast bar makes cooking much more sociable.

RETAIL

54% of readers will buy local and British produce when they can

Source: Archant Readership Focus Groups (2012) ESCP 2011Street Survey TGI

www.theresident.co.uk

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Established in January, this brand new, family-run clinic offers laser hair removal using high powered lasers, including the XC LightSheer Diode and the N.D. Yag, which helps to achieve permanent hair reduction. The clinic also offers a range of beauty treatments available by appointment.

The clinic is run by mother and daughter team Rita and Nadia. Rita has worked in the industry for the last 34 years and has specialised in medical aesthetics for the last 14 years. She has worked as a manager for a large firm in central London which specialised in laser hair removal and medical aesthetics.

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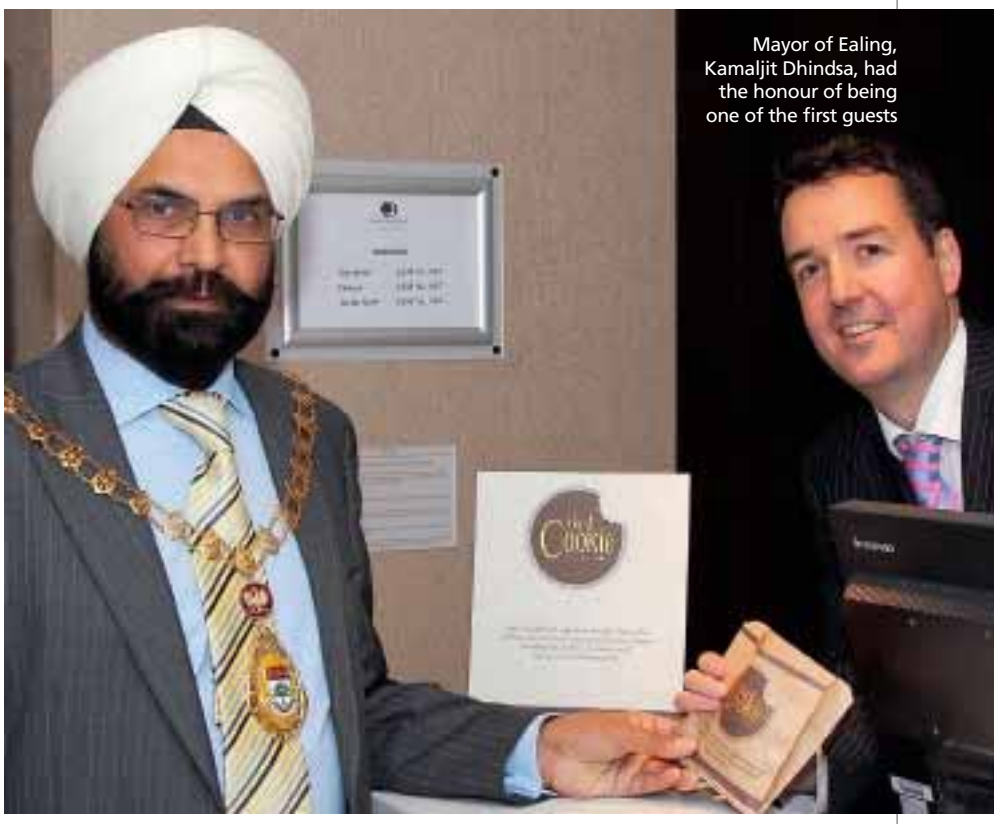

Mayor of Ealing, Kamaljit Dhindsa, had the honour of being one of the first guests

DoubleTree by Hilton London, Ealing, marked its official opening with a glamorous evening event on 12 June. The Mayor of Ealing, Kamaljit Dhindsa, had the honour of being one of the first guests to be checked into the hotel by newly appointed general manager, Matt Williams. Attendees explored the new-look 189 room hotel following its £10million transformation, as well as sipping on champagne. Located just a few minutes' walk from London Ealing underground and overground station, the new restaurant, W5 Grill & Bar, is ideal for local residents and hotel guests alike, specialising in grill dishes. The dining room's design is warm and contemporary, incorporating stylish leather fabrics. The rest of the hotel takes design inspiration from its natural surroundings, using warm beiges and timber shades.

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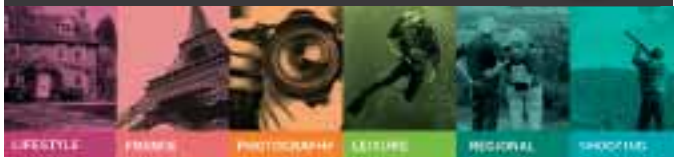

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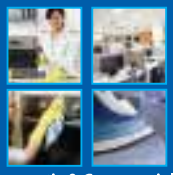

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✤ By Ann Sinclair from Dexters
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RICHMOND HILL, TW10 GUIDE PRICE £700,000 LEASEHOLD

If spacious rooms are essential then this two bedroom conversion flat offers over 1000 sq ft (100 sqm) of space, located within a grand Victorian house with many original features could well suit. Further benefits include a 999 year lease and a communal lawned front garden. EPC rating E.

RICHMOND HILL, TW10 £699,950 FREEHOLD

Character on the outside, modern specification on the inside is what this two double bedroom, two bathroom townhouse offers along with off street parking in a prime location. All making this an easy maintenance home from which to enjoy the delights of Richmond. Circa 769 sq ft (61 q m) EPC rating D.

KEW, TW9 £419,950 LEASEHOLD WITH S/O FREEHOLD

If being very close to Kew Gardens is on your wish list then read on. Two double bedrooms and a generous hallway means guests can be welcomed and stay easily whilst being a ground floor flat means that access is easy to the well tended communal gardens. Circa 716 sq ft (66.5 sq m) EPC rating E.

RICHMOND, TW9 £325,000 LEASEHOLD WITH S/O FREEHOLD

A character one bedroom ground floor flat offering stylish interior with a private patio garden, perfect for summer entertainment and with a brick built shed, giving you somewhere to keep those bikes. Circa 580 sq ft (53.9sq m) EPC rating D.

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EAST TWICKENHAM, TW1 £5,500 PER CALENDAR MONTH

If you fancy a stroll along the river to start your day then this family home close to Richmond bridge & Ducks Walk may well suit. With a stunning interior and great garden, this property has been beautifully modernised whilst retaining character and charm. Circa 1840 sq ft (171 sq m). EPC rating E.

KEW, TW9 £4,000 PER CALENDAR MONTH

See rowers on the Thames from this duplex Riverside penthouse apartment benefiting from several balconies, double reception area, kitchen breakfast room, separate utility room / w.c; three double bedrooms and three bathrooms as well as storage galore. Circa 2055 sq ft (191 sq m). EPC rating E.

RICHMOND, TW9 £2,950 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A freshly decorated end of terrace family size house with larger than average garden for the street, offering four bedrooms and a newly fitted kitchen breakfast room within a quarter of a mile of Richmond station and town centre. Circa 1517 sq ft (141 sq m). EPC rating E.

RICHMOND, TW9 £2,899 PER CALENDAR MONTH

With great bathrooms and a contemporary kitchen this character three bedroom two bathroom terraced house close to Richmond station and the town centre is ready now for new tenants. Circa 1173 sq ft (109 sq m). EPC rating D.

RICHMOND HILL, TW10 £2,750 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A three bedroom apartment on the upper slopes of Richmond Hill offering easy access to the shops along Friars Stile Road, The Terrace Gardens & Richmond Park. Furnished. Available end of August. Circa 1280 sq ft (119 sq m). EPC rating C.

KEW, TW9 £1,500 PER CALENDAR MONTH

A two double bedroom apartment in this requested development just opposite Kew Gardens. Kew Gardens station and Kew Bridge station are close by and there are shops, bars and restaurants around the station and Kew Green. With parking and bike storage. Circa 710 sq ft (66 sq m). EPC rating D.

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AGENT SPEAKS

Change of direction

Featherstone Leigh's Brendan Wynne on his transition from golfer to estate agent

How did you start out in property?
My property career didn't exactly start in the most traditional manner. Ten years ago, prior to becoming an agent, I was a professional golfer, which I absolutely loved. The sudden career change was a shock to many people, but I decided that I didn't want to do just one thing all my life.

After a lot of deliberation I decided on a career in property and landed myself a job as a sales negotiator at Featherstone Leigh in Richmond. Ten years on and I'm still here, working as the Richmond Group Director overseeing Richmond Sales and Lettings, Kew and Sheen Sales branches. I can honestly say that the decision to change careers all those years ago was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

What is the biggest difference between the property market today and 10 years ago?
Over the past 10 years Richmond has been consistently voted one of the top 10 places to live in the country. This has certainly had an effect on the property market in Richmond, in particular, on property prices. I've seen a big leap in prices for properties in Richmond.

In recent months we have seen tremendous activity with numerous buyers registering and a considerable number of viewings undertaken, resulting in many successful sales. This buying activity, combined with the continuing shortage of stock, has resulted in the vast majority of our sales being agreed at or close to their asking price.

How does your local area perform against the national average as far as house price and time on the market is concerned?
Richmond has always been a popular place to live, and it's easy to see why, with more than our fair share of beautiful open spaces. Then there are so many wonderful residential areas, overlooking the green, on the hill, along the Thames riverside, just to mention three, whilst still only 20 minutes by train away from Waterloo.

Properties in Richmond are rarely on the market for long, particularly large family homes where demand is now at an all-time high, both to buy and to rent. Prices for family homes range greatly, depending on the area of Richmond you are in, but can start at £800,000 and go well over the £5,000,000 mark.

The summer season is a notoriously busy time for the lettings market here in Richmond, particularly with corporate relocation agents needing to find properties before the start of the school term in September. This year is no exception and we have seen an upsurge in these enquiries already.

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Who is your idol?
With my background in the golfing world, it has to be the British professional golfer, Sir Nick Faldo. When I was growing up I always aspired to be like him. He worked extremely hard and won six major championships, which I have always found to be very impressive.

What is your favourite holiday destination?
This is an easy one – Cape Town in South Africa. It really is the most beautiful place on the planet, and is home to some of the most wonderful people.

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Alison Keenor
Your Move

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Amy Taylor
Your Move

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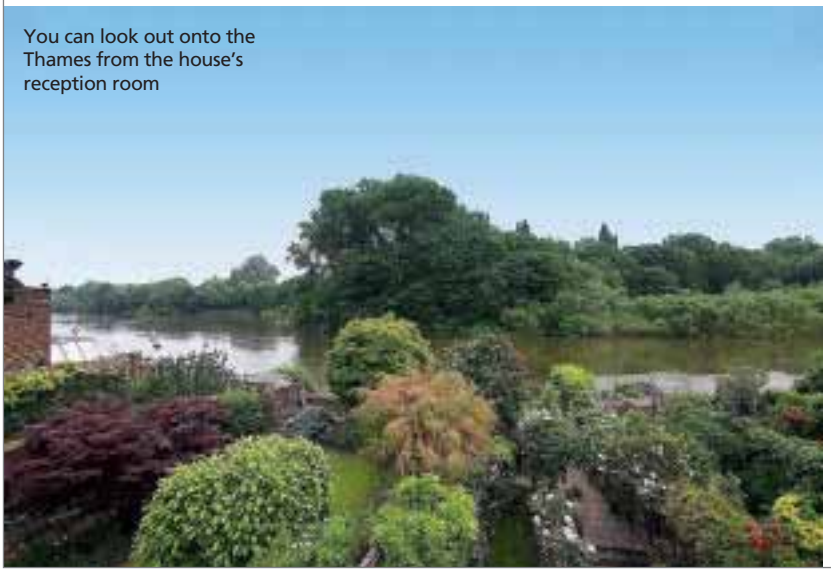

You can look out onto the Thames from the house's reception room

With wonderful views of the River Thames this charming Queen Anne period home offers a peaceful haven in the centre of Old Isleworth, on Church Road TW7. A communal mooring at the end of the pretty garden offers easy access for those wishing to enjoy the river to the maximum by boat or kayak, whilst the reception room offers great river views if you wish to take it easier.

There are even better views from the decked flat roof if you wish to try a spot of sunbathing!

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